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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

It is disturbing to find that the FCC seems to have turned from a company promoting diversity and access to different communications media--particularly The Internet, to an organization opposing net neutrality and promoting control of the media by large centralized and monopolistic corporations.

As a person who has worked in high tech for over 40 years I have experienced all forms of communication, from simple cw radio amateur communications; through IBM customer service station (Fortran, Wordtext, etc.) mainframe communication; with many and varied dot com companies; and through all the iterations of The Internet. I have experienced T1 lines; all sorts of DSL configurations; satellite reception (living in rural areas); and now WiFi (rural) and Sonic (less rural).

Of all these experiences, those I have enjoyed as a private consumer with Sonic have been the most productive and efficient. Their ability to provide land line and Internet has been critical to my keeping up with modern society.

I strongly urge you take a more competitive approach to Internet access and that you spend your time trying to build up American access to Internet technology so that it may someday approach the access and speeds enjoyed by individuals in the European Union. Its pathetic that the country that invented the Internet now lags behind most of the developed world in providing access to its citizens.

The whims of the 1%ers and the large corporate concerns they control continue to oppress the American people. Please return to the days you opposed corporate control and monopolization and exercise your prerogatives with concern towards the American people you serve. Support broadband competition and net neutrality.

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